

**TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION
[to confirm CEQA Guidelines section 15072 determination]**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines, the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (District) hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15072 or the following project:

1. Name of Project: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District-Kern County Water Agency Water Transfer Program.

2. Project Lead Agency and Sponsor: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, 1001 Chase Ave., Corcoran CA 93212. Contact person: Jacob Westra, General Manager, (559) 992-4127.

3. Project Description: For a complete project description, see the attached Proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study.

4. Purpose and explanation of Initial Study: The District has prepared the Initial Study in order to determine whether the approval and implementation of the project as described in the Initial Study may have a significant effect on the environment under CEQA Guidelines section 15063. The Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District-Kern County Water Agency Water Transfer Program is intended to improve water management opportunities within the District by creating a program that would accelerate the Department of Water Resources (DWR) approval process for the kinds of water transfers that have successfully occurred in the past between the District and the Agency.

5. Project Location: Kings and Kern Counties. For a complete description of the project location, see the attached Proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study.

6. Proposed Finding: The District Board of Directors (Board) has reviewed the proposed project, Initial Study, comments received on the proposal to adopt this Negative Declaration, and other documents and information from District staff, and on the basis of this information and the whole record before the District, hereby finds and determines the Initial Study and Negative Declaration reflect the District's independent judgment and analysis. This Negative Declaration confirms this conclusion.

7. Initial Study: A copy of the Initial Study is either attached or available for public review at the District office at the above address.

8. Location of Background Documents: The Initial Study, documents referenced in the Initial Study, Notice of Intent to adopt Negative Declaration, comments on the Initial Study, and other documents concerning this project are on file and available for public review at the District office at the above address. The District Secretary (same address) is the custodian of the documents that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision in this matter is based.

9. Public Review: Public comments on this proposal to adopt a Negative Declaration will be received by the District at the above address beginning January 7, 2021 and ending March 1, 2021. The District Board is expected to consider the adoption of the Negative Declaration at a meeting scheduled for March 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the District's offices at the above address.

Jacob Westra
General Manager
Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

Date: January 7, 2021